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TAGS:PFOR, GR

SUBJECT:U.S. POSITION REGARDING DEMOCRATIC RULE IN GREECE

REF: ATHENS 1608

1. WE STRONGLY CONCUR IN EFFORTS YOU ARE MAKING TO MAKE CLEAR USG OPPOSITION TO ANY MOVES SEEKING TO UNDERMINE THE PRESENT PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM IN GREECE. WE BELIEVE THAT YOU SHOULD UTILIZE ALL APPROPRIATE CHANNELS OF THE MISSION TO CONVEY OUR POSITION, WHICH IS BASICALLY AS FOLLOWS:

(A) WE HAVE STRONGLY WELCOMED THE RETURN OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT LAST JULY AS WELL AS THE STEPS WHICH HAVE BEEN TAKEN SINCE THEN, INCLUDING THE HOLDING OF NATIONAL ELECTIONS AND THE REOPENING OF PARLIAMENT, TO STRENGTHEN DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS IN GREECE; (B) WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE PRESENT PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS; (C) THEREFORE, WE WOULD BE OPPOSED TO ANY EFFORT TO CHANGE THIS SYSTEM BY ILLEGAL MEANS; (D) WE ARE COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH THE DULY ELECTED LEADERS OF

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GREECE TO IMPROVE THE TRADITIONAL CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN

OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

2. WE WILL FOLLOW SAME LINE IN RESPONSE TO ANY QUERIES
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